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SUBJECT: UNIDO: SENIOR POSTS

REF: VIENNA 7398

1. PROSPECT OF DELAY IN APPOINTING REPLACEMENT FOR
STEPANEK MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL CONFIRMED BY ACTING
ADMIN CHIEF BARBOSA. WITHOUT GIVING REASONS, LATTER
INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DURING SEPT 5 LUNCHEON
THAT ABDEL-RAHMAN HAS STUDIED QUALIFICATIONS OF U.S.
CANDIDATES BUT IS NOT NOW DISPOSED TO NAME SUCCESSOR.
BARBOSA SAID HE VIEWED FAILURE TO REPLACE ISI CHIEF
QUICKLY AS EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO ISI OPERATIONS,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF SENIOR
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ISI DEPUTY. LIKE MISSION WE QUESTION ABDEL-RAHMAN'S

MOTIVES HERE, AS TYING ISI POST TO DEPUTY SLOT SEEMS FARFETCHED.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY POPPER RAISED MATTER OF SENIOR UNIDO POSITIONS WITH UN UNDER-SECRETARY DAVIDSON SEPT 10, STRESSING FACT USG COUNTED ON MAINTAINING TWO UNIDO D-2

POSTS. DAVIDSON UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL RE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST, SAYING HE DID NOT BELIEVE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM WOULD FIGHT

ACABQ ON THIS ISSUE. HE OFFERED AS MAJOR REASON THAT THREE OR FOUR PROPOSED ASYG-LEVEL POSTS WOULD GO TO AMERICANS, A POLITICALLY UNTENABLE POSITION.

3. INCIDENTALLY, BARBOSA SAID ABDEL-RAHMAN HAD MADE AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT IN SENDING SENIOR ADVISOR WARD TO DEFEND UNIDO PROGRAM/BUDGET BEFORE ACABQ, BUT REQUEST HAD BEEN FOR A MAN WITH HIS SUBSTANTIVE BACKGROUND AND NOT FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. WE UNDERSTAND HIS PERFORMANCE MAY HAVE PREJUDICED OUTCOME OF HEARINGS.

4. MISSION SHOULD INFORM ABDEL-RAHMAN WE HOPE TO SUBMIT SHORTLY CANDIDATES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE POST, THAT WE CONCERNED OVER FAILURE TO REPLACE STEPANEK WITH ONE OF CANDIDATES WE HAVE PROPOSED, AND THAT WE COUNT ON MAINTAINING BOTH ISI AND ADMIN SLOTS. RUSH

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